

14 January 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 14 January 1969

DD/I provided a memorandum prepared by OSR estimating the 1969 Soviet defense budget. It indicates that, although the Soviets announced a \$1 billion increase in defense expenditures for 1969, in reality the increment comes to \$.4 billion. In this connection, DD/I advised that Bruce Clarke has put together a briefing on the process of estimating Soviet defense expenditures, and the Director agreed to the suggestion that he be briefed on the estimative process at an early opportunity.

25X1

[] advised that the pacification Estimate has come through the representatives and that Walt Rostow has received a copy of the draft. State appears to be chary that the Estimate is overly optimistic on the prognosis for success in the pacification program.

[] reported that INR will be filing requests soon for Estimates on Panama and Brazil.

Carver noted that William Bundy suggested at his meeting yesterday that he wishes to lay on a comprehensive briefing covering a variety of operational matters in Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam for the incoming management teams at both State and Defense. Carver added that the timing and substance of the briefing are still in the very preliminary stages of formulation.

25X1

25X1

[REDACTED]

Maury advised that Congressman Riegle's briefing will be handled by George Carver.

The Director asked Maury to arrange for discreet coverage of the confirmation hearings of relevance to the Agency.

Parrott noted that the IDA report on national security processes is indeed unclassified as the result of a conscious decision by Defense not to classify the report.

[REDACTED] 25X1

DD/S&T noted the Soviet launch last night of a manned vehicle in earth orbit and drew attention to indications that further developments, including at least a docking exercise and possibly an exchange of crews between space ships, may follow in short order. 25X1

[REDACTED]

Executive Director noted that Robert Moot will remain as Defense Comptroller.

[REDACTED] 25X1

DDCI advised that Finn Larsen's imminent departure from Defense could throw a wrench into the prospects for an early accord concerning the sharing of expenditures on certain third-party arrangements. Nonetheless, an effort will be made to complete an agreement before Larsen leaves.

TOP SECRET

25X1

[REDACTED]

25X1

The Director commended DD/S for the perceptible improvement in the traffic congestion around the Headquarters complex in the early morning hours.

[REDACTED]

25X1

The Director agreed to the DDCI's suggestion that Bill Miller brief the Morning Meeting on Friday on the status and results of the intelligence debriefings of the Pueblo crew.

The Director advised that Secretary Rusk intends to speak to Secretary-designate Rogers about the Iranian matters.

[REDACTED]

25X1

The Director briefed on his lunch yesterday with Robert Mayo, whom he described as very knowledgeable, familiar with the ins and outs of Washington, and well disposed toward the Agency.

Goodwin reported that the Panamanian government confiscated the Sunday New York Times and yesterday's Miami Herald for reasons which are not yet clear.

[REDACTED]

25X1

L. K. White

*Extracted and sent to action officer

TOP SECRET

25X1